

April 24, 2006

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Ted E. Teichert called a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:04 P.M. in the Richard J. Collins Field House Stage Area at Andover High School prior to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. Present were: Chairman Teichert, Selectmen Mary K. Lyman, Brian P. Major and Alex J. Vispoli. Selectman John P. Hess arrived at 6:10 P.M. Also present was Town Manager Reginald S. Stapczynski. The meeting was duly posted.

II. Communications and Announcements

The Town Manager opened the meeting by announcing that the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission will conduct an on-site assessment and peer review of the Andover Police Department at the Public Safety Center on May 17, 2006 and May 18, 2006. He indicated that there was a letter in the Selectmen's file this week about the event. He explained that the Commission would examine various aspects of the Police Department's policies, procedures, operations and facilities and that in order to achieve accredited status, the Department must be able to demonstrate that they are in compliance with all 253 of the Commission's mandatory standards as well as 65% of the 122 optional standards based on the size of our Department. As part of the assessment, the Commission will also interact with members of the Department to observe how they operate. At the conclusion of their assessment and peer review, the Assessors will report their findings to the Commission who will then determine if accredited status should be awarded to Andover's Police Department.

III. Annual Town Meeting Review

A. Warrant Article #4 – The Budget

Chairman Teichert asked for a discussion on the Budget Model. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Selectman Vispoli, seconded by Selectman Lyman, it was voted that if the School Budget is funded at level services, then all of the \$100,000 in additional building permit fees go to the School Department Budget but if the School Department Budget is not passed at a level services budget, then the \$100,000 in additional building permit fees will go to the Budget Model. The vote was 5 – 0.

The Board then discussed the School Department Budget. A motion was made by Selectman Major, seconded by Selectman Hess, it was voted to recommend \$42,734,350 in Personal Services and \$11,940,198 in Operating Expenses for a total of \$54,674,548 – the same amount as recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. The vote was 5 – 0.

B. Warrant Article #5 – Capital Projects Fund

Chairman Teichert then asked for a discussion on Warrant Article #5 – Capital Projects. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Selectman Vispoli, seconded by Selectman Major, to recommend approval of the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$2,058,135. The vote was 5 – 0.

III. Annual Town Meeting Review (Cont.)

Selectmen Vispoli and Lyman then left the meeting to attend the School Committee's meeting being held in an Andover High School classroom at the same time prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

C. Warrant Article #7 – Supplemental Appropriations

Chairman Teichert asked for a discussion regarding Warrant Article #7 – Supplemental Appropriation. After a brief discussion by the Town Manager, a motion was made by Selectman Hess, seconded by Selectman Major, it was voted to transfer \$413,449 from Free Cash as follows: School Department – \$163,449 and Health Insurance – \$250,000. The vote was 3 – 0.

D. Warrant Article #50 – Watershed Overlay District

Chairman Teichert then asked for a discussion regarding Warrant Article #50 – the proposed amendment to the Fish Brook/Haggett's Pond Watershed Overlay District which is a private warrant article. The Selectman asked what recommendations had been made by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health. The Town Manager responded that both of the Boards recommended approval based on solid scientific and engineering information that this land drained not to Fish Brook and Haggetts Pond but to the Merrimack River. A motion was made by Selectman Hess, seconded by Selectman Major, to recommend approval of Article 50. The vote was 3 – 0.

E. Warrant Article #17 – School Roof Repairs

Selectman Major then asked for a discussion of Warrant Article #17 – School Roof Repairs. He indicated that the Finance Committee had recommended \$1,115,000 for approval and the Selectmen had reduced it by \$315,000 to \$800,000. He asked that the Board re-consider and go up to the requested amount and that recommended by the Finance Committee - \$1,115,000. The Board members present decided to put off the vote on this request until Selectmen Lyman and Vispoli re-joined the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and duly seconded to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M. and to re-convene prior to the Annual Town Meeting to discuss and take a vote on Warrant Article #17 – School Roof Repairs. The vote was 3 – 0.

At 6:58 P.M., the Board re-convened the meeting in the stage area of Andover High School's Richard J. Collins Field House. The Board discussed Warrant Article #17 – School Roof Repairs. A motion was made by Selectman Major, seconded by Selectman Hess, to recommend approval of \$1,115,000 for the repair of the school roofs. After a brief discussion, this motion was not voted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting and to re-convene at the end of the Annual Town Meeting should there be the need. The vote was 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

V. Re-convened Meeting following the Annual Town Meeting

At 10:145 P.M., Chairman Ted Teichert re-convened a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on the stage area in the Richard J. Collins Field House at Andover High School to discuss Warrant Article #5 – Capital Projects Fund. Present at the meeting were Chairman Teichert, Selectmen Lyman, Hess, Major and Vispoli. Also present were Town Manager Reginald S. Stapczynski and Finance Director Anthony J. Torrisi.

Chairman Tiechert inquired how far out of balance the Town Budget was with Warrant Article #4. The Town Manager and Finance Director indicated it was out of balance by approximately \$379,312 and that the Finance Committee and Selectmen had recommended a budget of \$117,946,159, however, with the additional money voted for the schools, the sum of \$118,325,471 was approved by Town Meeting, therefore, making the Budget out of balance by \$379,312. The Board then asked about Warrant Article #5. The Town Manager indicated that it was

voted at \$2,058,135. The Selectmen asked that the Town Manager document what happened in Warrant Articles #4 & #5 and provide them with a memo for their review. The Board further indicated that it was their intent to hold on the spending of the \$379,312 in the School Department's Capital Projects Fund until the New Growth, State Aid assessments, etc. is finally determined sometime in the Summer.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 P.M. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald S. Stapczynski
Town Manager